

CLAIMS

We claim:

- 5 1. A method of creating a reference database for
a computer-readable document comprising:
 entering inputted reference data into the
reference database; and
 storing the reference database and other data
10 of the computer-readable document in a single data
file.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the computer-
readable document further comprises a reference field
15 for retrieving a record stored in the reference
database.
3. The method of claim 1 wherein the reference
database further comprises:
20 fields for different types of reference data
sources; and
 fields containing specific information
associated with these different types of reference
data sources.
- 25 4. The method of claim 3 wherein the reference
database comprises a bibliographic database, and the
reference data sources comprise books, journals,
conference presentations, web-pages and e-mails.
- 30 5. The method of claim 4 wherein the reference
database further comprises one field containing
information about a number of citations of a reference
in the document.

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6. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
displaying a user interactive dialogue window for
inputting reference data.

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7. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
synchronizing the reference database with
other data sources.

10 8. The method of Claim 1 wherein said method is
stored in a storage medium.

9. The method of Claim 8 wherein said method is
downloaded into said storage medium.

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10. An apparatus for creating a reference
database for a computer-readable document comprising:
a processor; and
a storage medium coupled to said processor,
20 and including a reference database together with a
document in a single data file.

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11. The apparatus of Claim 10 wherein said
processor is in a first device, and said storage medium
25 is in a second device.

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12. A storage medium having stored thereon in a
single data file a computer-readable document
comprising a reference database and other data of the
30 computer-readable document.

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13. The storage medium of claim 12 wherein the
computer-readable document further comprises reference
fields.

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14. The storage medium of claim 12 wherein the reference database contains fields for different types of reference data sources and fields containing specific information associated with these data sources.

15. A computer program for creating a reference database for a computer-readable document, the computer program comprising program code adapted for:

entering inputted reference data into the reference database; and

storing the reference database and other data of the computer-readable document in a single data file.

16. The computer program of claim 15, wherein the computer-readable document comprises a reference field for retrieving a record stored in the database.

17. The computer program of claim 15, wherein the reference database comprises fields for different types of reference data sources, and fields containing specific information associated with these data sources.

18. The computer program of claim 17, wherein the reference database comprises a bibliographic database and the data sources include books, journals, conference presentations, web-pages and e-mails.

19. The computer program of claim 18, wherein the reference database comprises one field containing information about the number of citations of a reference in the computer-readable document.

20. The computer program of claim 15 further comprising instructions for displaying a user interactive dialogue window on a display screen.

5 21. The computer program of claim 20, comprising computer code allowing synchronization of the reference database with other data sources.

10 22. A computer program product for creating a reference database for a computer-readable document, the computer program product comprising program code adapted for:

15 entering inputted reference data into the reference database, and
 storing the reference database and other data of the computer-readable document in a single data file.

20 23. The computer program product of claim 22, wherein reference fields are included in other data for retrieving the reference data stored in the reference database.

25 24. The computer program product of claim 23, further comprising program code allowing synchronization of the reference database with other data sources.